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I don't believe that the current proposal effectively punishes the anti-competitive actions of Microsoft, nor will it limit their ability to continue similar actions in the future.

To effectively punish illegal behavior, the settlement must deprive Microsoft of the advantages of its past illegal actions. Since their Operating System business is the tool with which they have illegally taken advantage of the marketplace; they should, at the very least, lose the leverage of this monopoly.

The proposed settlement imposes supposed restrictions that actually favor Microsoft in the marketplace. Codifying the monopoly is not justice, and will do nothing to discourage predatory business practices from this monopoly.

I feel that this proposed settlement is a weak attempt to reach a settlement for the sake of expediency, but does not serve the interests of the marketplace.

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